

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 were restricted under 35 U.S.C. §121 between:

- I. claims 1-7 and 11-17, drawn to a method for corn breeding; and
- II. claim 8-10 and 18-20, drawn to starch and compositions.

Applicants elect Group I, claims 1-7 and 11-17. Claims 8-10 and 18-20 have been cancelled subject to Applicants' right to refile the non-elected subject matter in a divisional application.

Applicant respectfully requests early action in this case.

Respectfully submitted,



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